

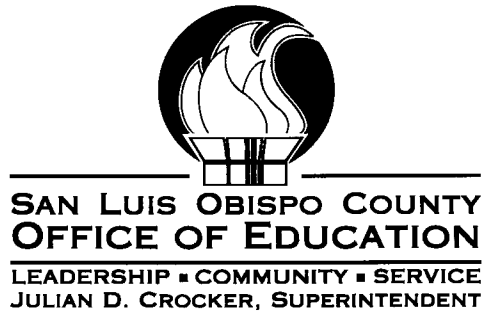
**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Administrative Office		(2) MEETING DATE February 28, 2006		(3) CONTACT/PHONE Gail Wilcox, Dep. CAO (805) 781-5011	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a school performance report from the County Superintendent of Schools					
(5) SUMMARY OF REQUEST State law requires the County Superintendent of Schools to provide an annual report to the County Board of Supervisors regarding low performing schools. This item transmits the report from Dr. Julian Crocker, San Luis Obispo County Superintendent of Schools, on this matter. Dr. Crocker will present this report to the Board at today's meeting.					
(6) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board receive and file the annual school performance report from the County Superintendent of Schools.					
(7) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A		(8) CURRENT YEAR COST N/A		(9) ANNUAL COST N/A	
(10) BUDGETED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A NO					
(11) OTHER AGENCY/ADVISORY GROUP INVOLVEMENT (LIST): All schools in San Luis Obispo County					
(12) WILL REQUEST REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, How Many? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Term _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Contract _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Help _____					
(13) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, All			(14) LOCATION MAP <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
(15) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. <u>10 min</u>)			(16) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances (Orig + 4 copies) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
(17) NEED EXTRA EXECUTED COPIES? <input type="checkbox"/> Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			(18) APPROPRIATION TRANSFER REQUIRED? <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		

(19) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW

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February 15, 2006

To: San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors
From: Julian Crocker, County Superintendent of Schools
Subject: *Williams* Settlement and School Review

In May 2000, a lawsuit - *Eliezer Williams, et al., vs. State of California, et al.* - was filed that alleged that the State of California was denying thousands of California students their fundamental right to an education under the California Constitution by failing to provide students with equal access to safe and decent school facilities, sufficient instructional materials and qualified teachers. In 2004, the settlement of the lawsuit resulted in a package of laws aimed at identifying and correcting impediments to student academic success as spelled out in the lawsuit.

All schools in California are affected by the new requirement of the *Williams* legislation. Schools ranked in the lower ranges (Deciles 1-3) of the 2003 Academic Performance Index will receive additional focus. In San Luis Obispo County, those schools are Georgia Brown Elementary School in the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District, Shandon Middle/High School in the Shandon Joint Unified School District and Oceano Elementary School in the Lucia Mar Unified School District.

The *Williams* legislation creates an expanded role for the County Superintendent of Schools to monitor and report on the low-performing schools. My duties include conducting an annual visit to the three schools identified above to determine:

- That each student has access to sufficient, standards-aligned textbooks.
- That the school buildings are safe and well maintained.
- That the school has accurate data in the annual School Accountability Report Card (SARC) related to sufficiency of textbooks and facilities maintenance.

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The law further requires that the County Superintendent of Schools:

- Annually monitor and review the qualifications of teachers in the low performing schools.
- Report quarterly data submitted by each of the ten county school districts on complaints filed with the district about teacher qualifications, insufficient instructional materials or urgent facilities conditions under the Uniform Complaint Procedure.
- Quarterly, report to the Governing Boards of the subject schools regarding the visits. Annually, report to the County Board of Education, the **County Board of Supervisors** and the Governing Boards for Lucia Mar Unified, Paso Robles Joint Unified and Shandon Joint Unified on the state of the low performing schools.

A team of staff members from the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education (SLOCOE) visited Oceano Elementary, Georgia Brown Elementary and Shandon Middle/High schools in May of 2005 and again in September 2005 at the beginning of the new school year. During the visits the SLOCOE team entered classrooms to determine that all students had textbooks and other materials assigned to them. We examined language arts, mathematics, science, and social science materials for all the three schools. At Shandon Middle/High we also checked for foreign language and health textbooks and examined a science lab to check that students had sufficient equipment.

The team examined classrooms, libraries, multi-purpose rooms and computer labs. The rooms were checked for maintenance problems, broken windows, gas leaks, non-functioning lights, fire extinguishers, and other maintenance and safety items.

Although not a part of the visits, SLOCOE staff reviewed teacher qualifications. We checked that each classroom has a properly credentialed teacher. We also verified that teachers in classrooms with English learners are trained in instruction techniques to assist those students. The examination of teacher qualifications is done for all schools in the county every three years. However, for Oceano Elementary School, Shandon Middle/High School and Georgia Brown Elementary School this review is conducted annually.

The visits revealed that the schools are well maintained with no health or safety violations. The students were provided adequate textbooks and other materials to facilitate learning. Credentialed teachers were found in every classroom. Those teachers who require additional training for English learners either have completed the course work or are currently taking the classes they need.

The principals, teachers and support staffs of Georgia Brown Elementary, Shandon Middle/High and Oceano Elementary schools demonstrated a high level of professionalism and dedication in serving their students. They have reported that our visits have assisted them to assess their schools and to review for possible improvement.

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The process of visiting schools and assessing the educational environment will continue yearly. Next September, a SLOCOE team will again visit Oceano Elementary School, Georgia Brown Elementary School and Shandon Middle/High School.

This report is presented to the Board of Supervisors for information and compliance with legal requirements.

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